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(57) ABSTRACT

The building components of the present invention provide building components which are compatible with high-stress and/or high-impact devices or mechanisms due to at least their composition or their configuration. Consequently, the building components of the present invention provide a more robust building component. In some embodiments, the building components of the present invention are be diecast, metal building components manufactured from any desirable metal, such as zinc. Alternatively or additionally, the building components may include a configuration that provides for at least one offset coupling configuration such that building components may be coupled together in a structurally secure configuration. Thus, in some embodiments, the building components of the present invention provide a building component for constructing toy vehicles that is compatible with wheeled boosters typically provided for die cast toy vehicles.

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